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Senate

The Senate met at 9:45 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, a Senator from the State of New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This morning our guest Chaplain, Reverend Samuel L. Green, St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Orlando, FL, will lead the Senate in prayer:

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Oh God, our God. How excellent is Your name. You are wonderful. You are glorious. You are sovereign and majestic. You alone are God. We offer to You today thanksgiving. Thank You for the many blessings You have so graciously bestowed upon us. Thank You for blessing America. We pause as a nation today to bless You. Give us strength and courage to work together as a nation to create environments of liberty and justice throughout our land.

Dear Lord, grant unto this Senate an agenda that will speak to the issues that affect every citizen of our Nation. As these women and men convene, cause them to remember that our Founders established this Nation under God. Then as they deliberate, their thoughts and actions will be led by You.

God of grace, God of glory, on these Senators pour Your power. Grant them wisdom; grant them courage for the facing of this hour in America. Give them a strong resolution against the evils that we as a nation deplore. Search their souls, be their glory so that these women and men who have been elected to serve as Senators will not fail those they represent or Thee. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 18, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. CLINTON thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of the energy reform bill. The ANWR amendments are pending. The time until 11:45 is divided equally between the two leaders or their designees. At 11:45 the Senate will vote on cloture on the Stevens ANWR amendment. If cloture is not invoked on the Stevens amendment, the Senate will

immediately vote on cloture on the Murkowski ANWR amendment.

I ask that Senator NELSON of Florida be recognized to give remarks regarding our guest Chaplain.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Florida.

WELCOMING THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Madam President, the minister who is our guest Chaplain is a personal friend of mine from Orlando. It is noteworthy that I make a couple of remarks concerning him.

Reverend Sam Green of St. Mark AME Church in Orlando is a rather extraordinary minister of the gospel. He comes from a family that has four brothers who are all ministers, in Orlando, Tallahassee, Gainesville, and Miami. Reverend Green's pastorate and his ministry are an outreach to the community of Orlando, for he has created businesses to fill the needs of the Orlando community that are all occupied by parishioners of his church. And so it is with a great deal of pleasure that we welcome Reverend Sam Green of Orlando to be our guest Chaplain this morning.

Thank you, Madam President.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 517, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 517) to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission

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